

## **TOYS FOR TOTS HOUSEHOLD ELIGIBILITY**

Centre County Toys for Tots program is a partnership between the Nittany Leathernecks Detachment 302, Centre County Office of Adult Services, local Food Pantries, and a number of human service agencies, faith based organizations, police & fire departments, and volunteers.

Centre County Food Pantries are the primary distributor for the Toys for Tots Program. The majority of toys are distributed to families eligible through their local food pantry. Households not registered with a food pantry are encouraged to do so before December. For last minute needs, a site is provided prior to December 25<sup>th</sup> for families with the income guidelines (Federal Poverty Rates of 150%) to receive toys otherwise not received through the Food Pantry and/or Salvation Army Angel Tree Program.

### **HOUSEHOLD ELIGIBILITY FOR TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM**

1. Household must contain at least one child from age birth to 18 years old.
2. Household must have legal guardianship and/or custody agreements of the child residing in the home.
3. Household must meet income eligibility guidelines through the Food Pantry. Household income is at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Rates.
4. Household must register with their local food pantry prior to the due date established by the Food Pantry for registration.
5. Household must receive the toys at the Food Pantry's December Distribution and/or at a designated time by the Food Pantry.
6. Households receive up to 4 wrapped toys per child.
7. Households participating in the Salvation Army Angel Tree Program AND/OR the YMCA Programs **ARE NOT ELIGIBLE** to receive Toys for Tots through their local Food Pantry.
8. Households participating in any other local community, faith based organization, church or school program receiving toys should consider if the need for additional toys through the Toys for Tots Program is necessary. We need to make sure all children in the community with needs receive toys during the holiday season.

### **GRANDPARENT ELIGIBILITY FOR TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM**

1. Household of Grandparent must reside in Centre County.
2. Household of Grandparent must meet income eligibility guidelines through the Food Pantry.
3. Household of Grand**children** must reside in Centre County.
4. Up to 2 wrapped toys per child will be offered to the household of the grandparent.
5. *If grandparent lives in the household with children and grandchildren and children already receiving toys, they are ineligible to receive additional toys.*

<b>HOUSEHOLD SIZE</b>	<b>ANNUAL</b>	<b>MONTHLY</b>	<b>WEEKLY</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>\$17,235</b>	<b>\$1,436</b>	<b>\$331</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>\$23,265</b>	<b>\$1,939</b>	<b>\$447</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>\$29,295</b>	<b>\$2,441</b>	<b>\$563</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>\$35,325</b>	<b>\$2,944</b>	<b>\$679</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>\$41,355</b>	<b>\$3,446</b>	<b>\$795</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>\$47,385</b>	<b>\$3,949</b>	<b>\$911</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>\$53,415</b>	<b>\$4,451</b>	<b>\$1,027</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>\$59,445</b>	<b>\$4,954</b>	<b>\$1,143</b>
<b>ADDITIONAL MEMBER</b>	<b>\$6,030</b>	<b>\$503</b>	<b>\$116</b>

**TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME BASED ON 150% OF FEDERAL  
POVERTY RATES**

## **TOYS FOR TOTS FOOD PANTRY RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Food Pantries will sign up Households eligible to receive Toys for Tots.
2. Food Pantries will educate clients on the availability of the program and determine if a family meets eligibility.
3. Food Pantries will complete the required form documenting the number of toys based on age and gender needed for their distribution.
4. Food Pantries **MUST** agree to register only households that are eligible to receive the toys based on the guidelines. While it is hard to deny toys to family members, we must maintain the program's guidelines throughout the County.
5. Food Pantries will sign up the Household of Grandparent in a similar manner for all other households eligible for the Toys for Tots Program.
6. Please include the number of toys needed on the form to Gene Weller to include the grandparents.
7. No distinction needs to be made on the form to Gene Weller between Parents and Grandparents.
8. We ask the Food Pantries to track the number of Households of Grandparents they sign up for this year's program to determine if we will continue providing to them.
9. Please tell clients that this is just for this year as we cannot commit to this being an ongoing eligibility to receive toys for the grandparents. The priority is to the households with children in them and the additional toys given for the grandchildren will be based on donations and need.
10. **NO GREAT GRANDPARENTS.** While rare, we know this exists but cannot extend this year's availability of toys to Great Grandparents.

## COMMUNITY SAFETY NET REFERRAL ELIGIBILITY FOR TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM

1. Household must contain at least one child from birth to age 18 years old.
2. Household must have legal guardianship and/or custody agreements of the child residing in the home.
3. Household will meet eligibility guidelines through the Federal Poverty Rates of between 151% - 175%.
4. Household must register with a Community Safety Net Agency prior to December 13th to be eligible for participation.
5. Households will receive up to 4 wrapped toys per child.
6. Households will take the referral paperwork to the Unregistered Site during designated days and hours to receive the toys.
7. Households already receiving toys and/or food through their local food pantry are ineligible to receive a referral through a Community Safety Net Agency.
8. Households participating in the Salvation Army Angel Tree Program AND/OR the YMCA Programs **ARE NOT ELIGIBLE** to receive Toys for Tots Program. We must maximize donations to meet the needs of all children in the Centre County.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	WEEKLY
1	\$17,236 - \$20,108	\$1,437 - \$1,676	\$332 - \$387
2	\$23,266 - \$27,143	\$1,940 - \$2,262	\$448 - \$522
3	\$29,296 - \$34,178	\$2,442 - \$2,848	\$564 - \$657
4	\$35,326 - \$41,213	\$2,945 - \$3,434	\$680 - \$793
5	\$41,356 - \$48,247	\$3,447 - \$4,021	\$796 - \$928
6	\$47,386 - \$55,283	\$3,950 - \$4,607	\$912 - \$1,063
7	\$53,416 - \$62,318	\$4,452 - \$5,193	\$1,028 - \$1,198
8	\$59,446 - \$69,352	\$4,955 - \$5,779	\$1,144 - \$1,334

**TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS INCOMES OVER 150% through INCOMES UP TO 175% OF FEDERAL POVERTY RATES**